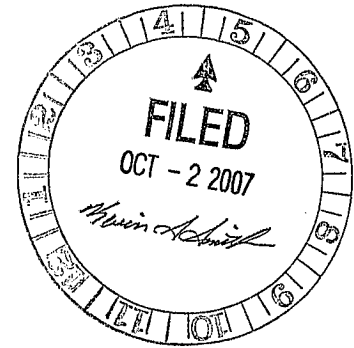


In the
Indiana Supreme Court



IN THE MATTER OF

THE APPOINTMENT OF
J. PHILIP MCGRAW
AS SENIOR JUDGE

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) Case No. 94S00-0710-MS- 384
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ORDER APPOINTING SENIOR JUDGE

The presiding judges of the Howard Superior Court No. 1, Lake Superior Court, Criminal Room 4, Newton Circuit Court, and White Circuit and Superior Courts have requested the appointment of Judge J. Philip McGraw for service in those courts as a senior judge effective October 27, 2007.

This Court adopted revisions to Administrative Rule 5 on December 3, 2003, which made certain changes to the senior judge program in recognition of the importance of senior judges to the administration of justice in Indiana trial courts. Accordingly, we find that the judges of the Howard Superior Court No. 1, Lake Superior Court, Criminal Room 4, Newton Circuit Court, and White Circuit and Superior Courts would benefit from the appointment of a senior judge. Pursuant to Ind. Code §33-27-4-1, Judge J. Philip McGraw has been certified as a senior judge by the Judicial Nominating Commission for the balance of 2007, effective following his anticipated retirement on October 26, 2007. This Court may re-examine the appointment made herein at a later date in light of weighted caseload statistics and other circumstances, and make adjustments accordingly.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Judge J. Philip McGraw is appointed to serve in the Howard Superior Court No. 1, Lake Superior Court, Criminal Room 4, Newton Circuit Court, and White Circuit and Superior Courts at the discretion of the presiding judge of each court, effective **October 27, 2007**. This appointment shall remain in effect until **December 31, 2007**. It shall be incumbent upon the presiding judge of each court to ensure that their total senior judge usage does not exceed that allocated to each court for 2007. Pursuant to Ind. Code §33-23-3-5, the senior judge appointed by this Court in this Order may not be compensated as

senior judge for more than one hundred (100) days in the aggregate during the 2007 calendar year.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a certified copy of this order to the Hon. William C. Menges, Howard Superior Court, Courthouse, Kokomo, IN 46901-9004; the Hon. Thomas P. Stefaniak, Jr., Lake Superior Court, 2293 North Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307-1854; the Hon. Jeryl F. Leach, Newton Circuit Court, P.O. Box 101, Kentland, IN 47951-0101; the Hon. Robert W. Thacker, White Circuit Court, Courthouse, P.O. Box 230, Monticello, IN 47960-0230; the Hon. Robert B. Mrzlack, White Superior Court, P.O. Box 1005, Monticello, IN 47960-1005; the Hon. J. Philip McGraw, Jasper Superior Court, 115 West Washington Street, Rensselaer, IN 47978-2890; to the clerks of the Howard Superior Court No. 1, Lake Superior Court, Criminal Room 4, Newton Circuit Court, and White Circuit and Superior Courts, for entry in the Record of Judgments and Orders; to the Indiana Judicial Center; to the Judicial Qualifications Commission; and to the Division of State Court Administration, Payroll Section.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana this 2nd day of ^{Oct.} September, 2007.

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Randall T. Shepard
Chief Justice of Indiana